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SUBJECT: CCINC CUSTOMS TRAINING COURSE

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1. EMBASSY IS COORDINATING WITH CUSTOMS ATTACHE JACOBSEN IN BONN AND PLANS PUT LUXEMBOURG CUSTOMS IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH STICKER OF ERMAN CUSTOMS AS SOON AS DETAILS OF COURSE ARRIVE IN POUCH. ENGLISH WITH SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION INTO GERMAN WILL BE QUITE SUITABLE FOR LUXEMBOURG OFFICERS, WHO ALL SPEAK ONE OR BOTH OF THOSE LANGUAGES.

2. QUESTION OF TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM IS MORE COMPLICATED. DURING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER ROLAND RAYMONDS' VIST TO LUXEMBOURG IN SEPTEMBER 1975, LUXEMBOURGERS WERE OFFERED AN IN-COUNTRY TRAINING COURSE AT NO COST TO THEMSELVES. IN ACCEPTING U. S. PROPOSAL, THEY UNDERScoreD THE DIFFICULTIES THEY FACED IN BREAKING OFFICERS LOOSE FOR EVEN A SHORT TRAINING COURSE, BUT AGREED TO PARTICIPATE AS PROPOSAL WOULD ENABLE THEM TO INCREASE COOPERATION WITH U. S. AUTHORITIES AT LITTLE OR NO COST. AGREEMENT WAS REGARDED BY EMBASSY AS MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN GETTING LUXEMBOURG ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL COOPERATION.

3. WHILE REPLACEMENT OF IN-COUNTRY COURSE BY INCLUSION

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OF LUXEMBOURG OFFICERS IN RATZEBURG COURSE MAKES GOOD

LOGISTICAL SENSE, EMBASSY IS RELUCTANT TO ASK GOL TO
NOW ASSUME TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM COOSTS. WHILE
NOT MAJOR -- WE ESTIMATE \$250 PER OFFICER BASED ON
DORMITORY ACCOMMODATIONS AT RATZEBURG -- THESE CHARGES
COULD EMBARRASS LUXEMBOURG OFFICIALS WHO HAVE PUSHED
FOR PARTICIPATION IN COURSE AND INCREASED COOPERATION
WITH U. S. IF POSSIBLE, REQUEST CUSTOMS
SERVICE ABSORB EXPENSES FOR FOUR OFFICERS AS LOWER-COST
ALTERNATIVE TO CONTINUING WITH IN-COUNTRY PROGRAM
ORIGINALLY PROPOSED. FARKAS

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